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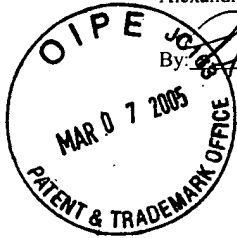
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Application No.: 10/808,160

Filed: March 23, 2004

For: IMPROVEMENT OF
GERMANIUM INTERFACE BY
REDUCTION OF NATIVE OXIDE
USING HYDROGEN-BASED PLASMA

Customer No.: 20350

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.